GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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SETTING OF TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATORS
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any centrally sponsored scheme to encourage the setting up of Technology Business Incubator (TBI) in various Government/private educational institutions;

(b) if so, the quantum of financial assistance given to Government and private educational institutions for setting up Technology Business Incubators (TBIs);

(c) the manner in which this scheme is encouraged;

(d) the type and nature of incentives given under this scheme;

(e) the factors taken into consideration while deciding the quantum of assistance to these institutions;

(f) the names of the educational institutions which had applied for financial assistance for setting up of TBIs, during the last one year;

(g) the names of institutions given financial assistance during the last one year; and

(h) the names of those institutions not given financial assistance for TBIs and the reasons therefor in each case?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) to (h) : A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (h) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1187 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 26.11.2002 REGARDING `SETTING OF TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS INCUBATORS`.

No Sir. However, the Ministry of Science & Technology through the Department of Science and Technology has initiated a scheme during 2000-2001 for setting up of Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) in various educational institutions and R&D institutions which are the source of knowledge and technology with a view to catalyzing the development and growth of technology led enterprises. The Department provides financial assistance to the institutions for setting of Technology Business Incubators (TBIs) towards the purchase of the selected equipment and machinery, common facilities such as telephone, fax, Internet and photocopier etc. The Department also provides financial assistance on recurring account for a limited period towards the manpower cost and other expenses of recurring nature. The scheme is being encouraged through organization of seminars and workshops in different regions/parts of the country. No direct incentive is provided to the incubatees under this scheme, however, they are provided various services, facilities and guidance during the incubation period on a nominal charge basis.The quantum of assistance provided to the selected institutions is primarily based on the merit of the project proposal. Normally the cost of each Technology Business Incubator (TBI) varies in the range of Rs.3-4 crores which includes the cost of land and building provided by the host institution.

The names of the educational institutions which had applied for financial assistance for setting up of Technology Business Incubator (TBI) during the last one year are:-

S.No Name of the Institution

1. National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

2. Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai, Erode,Tamil Nadu.

3. Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu.

4. International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh.

5. National Institute of Technology, Calicut, Kerala.
6. College of Engineering, Gandhi Institute of Technology & Management, Visakhapatnam, A.P.

7 Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance, Bhopal, M.P.

8. Centre for Electronics Design and Technology of India, Mohali, Chandigarh

9. Dehradun Institute of Technology, P.O. Bhagwantpur, Dehradun, Uttranchal.

The following institutions have been provided financial assistance for setting up of Technology Business Incubator (TBI) during the last one year, though the proposals were received during 2000-2001.

Sl.No Name of the Institution

1. Centre for Bio-technology, Anna University, Chennai,Tamil Nadu.

2. RV-TIFAC Composite Design Centre, RV College of Engineering, Bangalore, Karnataka.

3. Maharashtra Industrial and Technical Consultancy Organisation, Pune, Maharashtra.

The following proposals have been received during the last one year.

Sl.No Name of the Institution

1. National Institute of Design, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

2. Kongu Engineering College, Perundurai, Erode,Tamil Nadu.

3. Vellore Institute of Technology, Vellore, Tamil Nadu..

4. International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Patancheru, Andhra Pradesh.

5. National Institute of Technology, Calicut, Kerala.

The proposals received from the following institutions were not provided financial assistance as the national level Advisory Committee on the scheme did not find the proposals worth supporting at this stage on account of the reasons given against each case.

Sl.No Name of the Institution Recommendations of the National Level Advisory Committee.

1. College of Engineering, Gandhi Institute of Technology & Management, Visakhapatnam Institute lacked the desired focus on research activities, which is an essential requirement for setting up of a TBI. The culture of entrepreneurship in the Institute too was missing which may further dampen the viability of a TBI proposal in the Institute.

2. Centre for Research and Industrial Staff Performance(CRISP), Bhopal CRISP being a training organisation may not be suitable for setting up of a TBI as they do not possess the desired R&D capabilities to justify the need of setting up of a TBI.

3. Centre for Electronics Design and Technology of India(CEDTI), Mohali, Chandigarh CEDTI is also a training organisation and is not having the required R&D capabilities.

4. Dehradun Institute of Technology, P.O. Bhagwantpur, Dehradun. Institute is new and does not have capabilities in R&D and entrepreneurship area.